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Virginia's state building codes and regulations are administered through the [Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code \(USBC\)](#), and its associated standards and regulations for industrialized or modular buildings, manufactured homes and amusement devices. Codes and regulations are adopted by the [Board of Housing and Community Development](#) and periodic amendments are utilized to update codes and incorporate new reference standards.

Architects, engineers and builders use these codes and standards to design and construct safe, healthy and durable structures for all uses, from residential to commercial and industrial. Local building officials and inspectors issue permits and conduct inspections to assure that the structures are constructed or assembled and operated according to the codes.

The Department of Housing and Community Development administers and carries out the building codes and regulations through the programs listed below:

- The [Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code](#) prescribes building regulations to be complied with when constructing, repairing, renovating, maintaining and/or changing the use of buildings and structures.
- The [Industrialized Building](#) provides for the administration and enforcement of uniform statewide standards for the design, construction, inspection and certification of industrialized or modular buildings, wherever produced.
- The [Manufactured Housing](#) and the Virginia Manufactured Housing Licensing and Transaction Recovery Funds regulate codes and regulations for manufactured housing.
- The [Virginia Amusement Device program](#) prescribes uniform statewide regulations for the construction, maintenance, inspection, and operation of amusement devices, whether mobile or affixed to a site.

Program Resources

2009 Building and Fire Codes and Regulations

- [2009 Supplement and Errata Publication](#)
- [2009 Virginia Amusement Device Regulations](#)
- [2009 Virginia Construction Code \(USBC, Part I\)](#)
- [2009 Virginia Industrialized Buildings Safety Regulations](#)
- [2009 Virginia Rehabilitation Code \(USBC, Part II\)](#)
- [2009 Virginia Maintenance Code \(USBC, Part III\)](#)
- [2009 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code](#)
- [2009 Related Laws Package](#)
- [2006 Manufactured Housing Licensing and Transaction Recovery Fund Regulations](#) (The 2009 Manufactured Home Safety Regulations are awaiting final approval.)

[Memo to all Virginia Code Officials -- Department of Labor and Industry Asbestos Regulations - November 30, 2009](#)

Program Highlights

- The 2009 Virginia Codes were effective March 1, 2011. The Virginia Construction Code permits the use of the 2006 edition for any permit applications submitted until March 1, 2012.
- The 2009 Virginia Code series, published by the International Code Council (ICC), are available for purchase through ICC in either the printed version or electronic versions at the following link <http://www.iccsafe.org/Store/Pages/default.aspx>.
- [ICC Monthly Updates](#)

Helpful Links

- [ICC eCodes](#)
- [2009 Virginia Code Series](#)
- [International Code Council \(ICC\)](#)
- [Archived Codes](#)